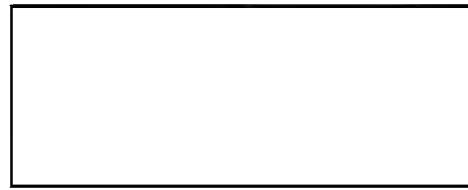


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IRAQ-USSR: Although new Soviet weapons have recently been delivered to Iraq, relations between the Iraqi military and their Soviet advisers reportedly are uneasy.

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Baghdad recently received 60 T-62 tanks, [redacted]

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[redacted] The T-62 tank carries a more powerful gun and is more advanced than the T-54/55 tanks that make up the main force of Iraq's armor corps. [redacted]

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[redacted]
The tanks probably were ordered under an October 1971 arms accord, as were MIG-21 jet fighters, OSA-class guided missile patrol boats, and SA-3 missile equipment that arrived earlier this year.

Iraqi Army officers have expressed dissatisfaction with the Soviet military technical assistance program, [redacted] Relations between Iraqi military personnel and Soviet advisers reportedly have been irritated by the condescending attitudes of the Soviet advisers toward their Iraqi counterparts and Iraqi resentment that the Soviets segregate themselves and limit social contacts. Such complaints have been heard since the inception of the Soviet military aid program, but the recent introduction of new weapons systems and the concurrent increase in the number of Soviet experts may have brought more expressions of these feelings. The Iraqis, more than the Egyptians and the Syrians, have attempted to keep the Soviet military presence at a minimum.

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